

AIDS may invade India

Mystery disease caused by US experiments

NEW YORK:

AIDS, the deadly mysterious disease which has caused havoc in the US, is believed to be the result of the Pentagon's experiments to develop new and dangerous biological weapons.

Now that these menacing experiments seem to have gone out of control, plans are being hatched to hastily transfer them from the US to other countries, primarily developing nations where governments are pliable to Washington's pressures and persuasion.

Some American experts believe that Pakistan may become the next proving ground for these experiments. If this happens, there will be a real danger that AIDS may rapidly spread to India with the grave consequences to the people of the country.

WHO representatives point out that AIDS may soon become problem number one, since so far there are no effective cures to fight it.

The British mass media has pointed to the blood plasma imported from the US as the cause of AIDS, which is spreading in the British Isles where more than 15 patients have been hospitalized, with half of them now dead.

As a result, France and Holland, which use large quantities of American blood donations, have stopped importing such blood. Britain, the Federal Republic of Germany and Denmark are now considering similar measures.

In recent months, there has been a marked increase in the incidence of this hitherto unknown disease, the so-called Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). It is caused, or so scientists suspect, by a new highly pathogenic virus which ravages the immune system of a human being, making him practically defenceless against any infection. Once the AIDS virus penetrates the human organism, it does not become the "killer" but rather acts like a time bomb. The immune system destroyed by it can no longer resist diseases even such as the virus flu. As a result, any disease later gave

A well-known American scientist and anthropologist, in a letter to Editor, Patriot, analyses the history and background of the deadly AIDS which started in the US and has now spread to Europe. The writer, who wants to remain anonymous, has expressed the fear that India may face a danger from this disease in the near future.

forms and in most cases leads to death.

AIDS has recently been registered in as many as 16 countries, primarily in those which import American blood donations. For some of the countries the disease has already become extremely dangerous.

The first signs of AIDS appeared in 1978 with an outburst of this disease in New York

among immigrants from Haiti. At that time, however, no one seemed to bother to pay any serious attention both on the part of the local authorities and the US public at large. In 1980 there was another sign of AIDS and again in New York. This time in addition to Haitian immigrants the disease struck local Americans, primarily drug addicts and homosexuals. By February 1983, AIDS had affected large sections of the American population and had been registered in 33 states. New York accounted for 49 per cent of all the cases that had been officially registered in the US by that time.

Concerned American citizens and organisations began to wonder why does AIDS, just like some other previously unknown diseases such as bizarre pneumonia or the so-called Legion- continued on page 7 col. 2

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Guerillas And Gorillas

Understanding the reasons why even after a century of political independence the Latin American countries have both their politics deformed and their economy distorted will help to have a better idea of the problems which any post-colonial society faces, writes M. P. Kavalam.

Ramdan In Dubai

Perhaps at no time of the year does Dubai come to the fore as a Muslim city than at Ramdan. For the Arabs, the months of fasting apart from being a deeply religious occasion assumes almost a festive air, writes Rashmi Taneja.

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naire's disease, kept erupting in the US and spreading from the east coast cities of the country, notably from New York?

A real bombshell exploded when the Church of Scientology, an American public and religious society, published several declassified Pentagon papers, which it obtained on the basis of the law on the freedom of information. According to these documents, in the 1950s and 1960s both the Pentagon and the CIA secretary tested new types of biological weapons in the densely-populated areas of the US and Canada, such as New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Winnipeg. Dummy germ warfare agents and weakened micro-organisms of dangerous virus diseases were sprayed over these areas. Similar experiments were conducted in the New York subway, at bus stations, in shops and other public places. As a result, the biological weapons tests got out of hand and led to grave consequences. In some of these cities there were several outbursts of virus flu that took the lives of many Americans.

Investigations also revealed that the Pentagon together with the CIA repeatedly tested viruses of dangerous diseases, narcotics and psychotropics, using volunteers, prisoners and drug addicts as guinea-pigs. What we

are witnessing today as regards AIDS is most likely to be similar inhuman experiments. The following are the facts in support of this conclusion.

The Army Research, Development and Acquisition Magazine, a US army publication, has written more than once that military scientists from the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick are conducting research in the field of immunology, specifically studying the problems of controlling the human immune system as well as the mechanism of both acquired and natural immunity. One of those in charge of that project was LTC Carl E. Pedersen, Jr., who is currently an executive officer of USAMRIID (US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases) at Fort Detrick.

Fort Detrick is notorious as a place where biological weapons are being developed in laboratories and where in the past they were repeatedly tested at its proving grounds. Although President Nixon formally banned the production and testing of these weapons in the US in 1968, the Pentagon has never abandoned these weapons. On the contrary, it has tightened security control over research activities, transferring some of the research projects to the territories of other nations under

the cover of opening up various medical laboratories. I hope you remember the scandal that broke out involving one such laboratory in the Pakistani city of Lahore, where certain types of mosquitoes and other insects were bred, which could spread dangerous diseases such as the yellow fever, the Dengue fever, American Saint Louis encephalitis and others.

On the basis of the above information concerning the spread of AIDS, it is fairly safe to conclude that experts at Fort Detrick have developed one more type of biological weapons largely with the assistance of experts from the CDC (Centre for Disease Control), Atlanta, Georgia. Under a contract signed with the Pentagon, CDC scientists were sent to Africa, specifically to Zaire and Nigeria and later to Latin America, to gather information with a view to identifying highly pathogenic viruses that are not found in European and Asian countries. The information was then analysed at the Maximum Containment Laboratory of the CDC and at Fort Detrick. That seems to be the most likely course of events that led to the discovery of an absolutely new type of virus (AIDS) that affects the human immune system. It might have been used to poison some blood donations, which were transfused to unsuspected patients during surgical operations for experimental purposes.

Some tests might have been conducted on certain groups of American citizens, who were most susceptible to the AIDS disease, primarily on people who came from Haiti and other developing countries, on drug addicts and homosexuals. Among these groups, scientists from the National Health Institute have concluded, the disease spreads very quickly. According to the statistics as of May 1983, the number of AIDS patients in the US doubles every six months.

According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the US, published by the US News and World Report in February 1983, the incidence of deaths among the AIDS patients is as high as 38 per cent, which is higher than the lethality rate among small pox patients. At present, according to the Associated Press, the number of AIDS patients in the US exceeds 2,000 people of whom 600 have already died.

The unknown virus, experts from the World Health Organization believe, poses a grave threat to the earth's entire population, primarily to the citizens of developing nations, where most of the planet's inhabitants live.

Assam probe panel report in six months

GAUHATI, July 15 (UNI, PTD)—The commission of inquiry, set up by the Assam Government to go into the recent disturbances in the State will submit its report within six months.

The Constitution of the commission headed by Mr T P Tiwari was announced in a notification last night despite the demand for a judicial inquiry by Opposition parties. The All-Assam Students Union and the All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad

The AASU had earlier appealed to the people not to cooperate with any administrative inquiry commission appointed by the Government.

The notification said the State Government might, on sufficient grounds, extend the time for submission of the report of the commission. It will exercise powers under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 and will look into the circumstances leading to the disturbances in the

has not taken any decision to build a boundary wall to seal the Indo-Bangladesh border, a spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry said in Delhi on Friday.

The spokesman was asked to comment on the recent interview of Assam Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia who said the proposal was awaiting the clearance of the Centre.

Patient in hospital stabbed to death

IMPHAL, July 15 (PTI)—A patient in the regional medical college hospital here was stabbed to death last night by his younger brother, official sources said today.

The victim, identified as Takhe-lamham Dorendra Singh (21), was admitted to the hospital after sustaining injury in a family dispute.

T. Sarat (18) sneaked into the

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